
GRACE DASHNAW

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EDUCATION

California Institute of the Arts, Valencia CA - *Master of Fine Arts, Composition and Experimental Sound Practices*

September 2023 - May 2025

- ✦ Studied privately with Clay Chaplin, Tim Feeney, Michael Pisaro, and Erika Duke-Kirkpatrick
- ✦ Integrated Media Specialization
- ✦ Created three immersive installation works over the course of the Masters' program in the music school's dedicated Installation space, the *WaveCave* (Documentation available on website)

Ithaca College, Ithaca NY - *Bachelor of Music, Cello Performance + Bachelor of Music, Composition*

September 2017 - May 2021

- ✦ Studied with Elizabeth Simkin, Gregory Hesselink, Jorge Grossmann and Evis Sammouris
- ✦ Graduated summa cum laude, GPA 3.97
- ✦ Completed two performance recitals and one composition recital over the course of the two degrees

FESTIVALS

Saarburger Serenaden, International Music Festival & School, Saarburg, Germany - Summer 2024 and 2025

- ✦ Invited Guest Artist
- ✦ Lead chamber group rehearsals, performed at various venues in the area, both in chamber groups and as a soloist, and assisted faculty as needed.

Interharmony International Music Festival, Acqui Terme, Italy - Summer 2022

- ✦ Principal of the IHIMF orchestra
- ✦ Studied with Gregory Hesselink and Dr. Steven Sacco

Meadowmount School of Music, Online - Summer 2021

- ✦ Online festival consisting of an intensive practice schedule, chamber music study, lessons, classes and presentations with guest artists and renowned faculty
- ✦ Studied with Julia Lichten

Bowdoin International Music Festival, Session I, Online - Summer 2020

- ✦ Online festival including lessons, masterclasses with professional faculty, presentations, and concert events
- ✦ Studied with Jeffrey Zeigler

RESIDENCIES

Oracle Egg - May 18 - 24, 2025

- ✦ Selected from a pool of applicants for a one week residency at Oracle Egg, a performance and installation space in DTLA.
- ✦ Work and performance created in collaboration with artists MA Harms and Geneviève Cecile.

AWARDS

Ithaca College 2021 Commencement Ceremony Fanfare (2021)

- ✦ Commissioned by Ithaca College to compose a fanfare to open the 2021 Commencement Ceremony

Peggy Ryan Williams Award for Academic and Community Leadership (2021)

Jack Downey '55, '61 Composers' Competition Award (2019)
